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According to the National Agricultural Statistics Service in Mississippi, there were 2.8 days suitable for fieldwork for the **week ending Sunday, October 25, 2009**. According to producers, the extent of soybean damage has been reported up to 100% in some fields and crop yields are declining. Row crop and hay harvesting is resuming between periods of rainfall. Soil moisture was rated 1 percent short, 14 percent adequate and 85 percent surplus.

Crop progress for week ending 10/25/09

Crop	This week	Last week	Last year	5-year average
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn, harvested	92	89	100	100
Cotton, open bolls	97	94	99	100
Cotton, harvested	11	3	66	84
Hay-Warm Season, harvested	99	98	100	100
Peanuts, harvested	5	2	70	--
Rice, harvested	78	60	97	99
Sorghum, harvested	70	64	91	98
Soybeans, dropping leaves	99	91	100	100
Soybeans, harvested	61	49	88	95
Sweet Potatoes, harvested	34	29	88	87
Winter Wheat, planted	5	2	19	21
Winter Wheat, emerged	1	0	7	12

Crop condition for week ending 10/25/09

Item	Very poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent	Percent
Corn	14	17	32	33	4
Cotton	23	24	37	16	0
Pasture	6	11	25	54	4
Peanuts	0	41	45	14	0
Sorghum	6	38	56	0	0
Soybeans	29	18	29	20	4
Sweet Potatoes	60	23	17	0	0

Comments

“We need dry weather. Bean yields have remained constant so far, but damage reports are increasing. Damage reports on beans have ranged anywhere from 2% to more than 90%.”

— Laura Giaccaglia, Bolivar

“Harvesting is continuing at a feverish pace. Recent dry weather trends have helped farmers get back in the fields.”

— Patrick Poindexter, Alcorn

“It rained again Thursday, which stopped harvest again. Harvesting activities have included running late and sometimes all night to get what the weather did not take. We have damage in soybeans from as low as 3% to 100%.”

— Tommy Baird, Sunflower

“Found out last week that one producer planted approximately 500 acres of late soybeans the last of July after the flood waters receded. Leaves are turning but not yet dropping.”

— Ann H. Davis, Wilkinson

“Corn yields are off by 50%, soybean yields are off by 60% and rotten, and cotton yields are off by 50% with poor harvest efficiency. Hay quality is poor due to rains, but warm season forages are in great shape. Ryegrass is suffering from blast.”

— Randy Smith, Covington

“Early planted ryegrass is looking good. Cold nights have slowed down summer grasses. Crop yields are down over 30% in Forrest County.”

— Chuck Grantham, Forrest

“Ryegrass is growing well. Sugarcane growers have begun to process syrup. The remainder of the summer hay is being harvested between showers. Peanuts, corn, and soybeans are being harvested between rains. We have more moisture in the ground at this point in the season than we have had in years.”

— Allen McReynolds, Wayne

“Producers are scuffling to cut their losses by trying to harvest crops that have very broad ranges of damage. All the rain in the past two months has devastated what would have been a bumper crop.”

— Jimbo Burkhalter, Tallahatchie

“We got another .75 inch of rain Thursday and Friday. We should be back in the field Saturday. Most cotton was defoliated this week with the cheapest things we could find. Hopefully we can pick the 3-6 bolls in the top. That is all we have left.”

— Stephen R. Winters, Grenada

“Cool temperatures and wet soil conditions will prevent late season hay harvest. Hay will be short in selected areas. Wet soils have delayed cool season grass planting. It is too late now to get any fall grazing.”

— Mike Howell, Lee

“Corn and soybean harvest is progressing slowly.”

— Jay Phelps, Pontotoc

“Weather damage to the crops is proving to be very depressing. Thousands of acres of soybeans will not be harvested. About half of the grain sorghum acreage will be left in the field due to severe weather damage. Yields for early planted cotton are also depressing with yields being about 50% of normal. Hopefully yields will improve as we start harvesting later planted cotton.”

— Jerry Singleton, Leflore

“As the result of rains at the beginning of last week, little (if any) harvesting was done during the week. Crops continue to deteriorate, but we still have hope that some of the remaining soybeans and corn may be acceptable quality. Cotton is even more disappointing than expected.”

— Ernest Flint, Attala

“Our row-crop farmers and hay producers got a couple of days to harvest last week before the last rain came in. We had a light frost last week as well.”

— Houston Therrell, Rankin

(Additional comments appear at: <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ms/cwyears.htm>)

Mississippi Weather Summary for Week Ending 10/25/09													
Division/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Avg Plan Evap
	Max	Min	Avg	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Avg	
Upper Delta													
Clarksdale				61		1.15	0.40	1	7.00				
Cleveland 3N	71	37	57	61	-4	1.51	0.88	1	12.96				
Lambert 1W	72	39	57			1.21	0.48	3	7.20				
Tunica	71	43	58	61	-3	1.39	0.58	3	5.86				
Extreme/Average	72	37	57	61	-4	1.32	0.54	2	8.26				
North-Central													
Batesville	72	36	57	60	-3	2.17	1.34	1	5.69				
Calhoun City	74	37	57	60	-3	1.13	0.46	2	9.34				
Hickory Flat	74	33	53	58	-5	0.52	-0.24	2	5.11				
Holly Springs 4N	72	30	53	57	-4	1.17	0.29	1	5.21				
Independence	70	36	55	59	-4	1.57	0.85	3	5.90				
Oxford	73	36	56	59	-3	1.13	0.25	3	6.30				
Water Valley	72	34	56	60	-4	0.70	-0.15	3	7.25				
Extreme/Average	74	30	55	59	-4	1.20	0.40	2	6.40				
Northeast													
Booneville	76	33	54	58	-4	0.71	-0.08	2	5.73				
Corinth 7SW	77	35	55	61	-6	0.94	0.20	2	5.95				
Tupelo 2	76	38	56			1.07	0.00	2	9.04				
Pontotoc Exp Stn	74	36	55	60	-5	1.16	0.42	1	9.59				
Verona	77	36	56	60	-4	0.95	0.28	1	9.00				
Extreme/Average	77	33	55	59	-4	0.97	0.18	2	7.86				
Lower Delta													
Belzoni	75	39	57	62	-5	1.04	0.14	1	13.36				
Moorhead	72	41	57	63	-6	2.05	1.28	3	11.31				
Rolling Fork	76	40	57	63	-6	0.80	-0.13	1	13.22				
Yazoo City 5NNE				63		1.10	0.10	1	12.37				
Extreme/Average	76	39	57	63	-6	1.25	0.38	2	12.57				
Central													
Canton 4N	78	34	55	62	-7	0.61	-0.22	1	9.18				
Eupora 2E	74	34	56	60	-4	1.72	0.89	1	7.18				
Forest 3S	78	33	57	62	-5	0.56	-0.31	1	6.33				
Kosciusko	74	37	55	61	-6	1.54	0.67	1	11.24				
Lexington 2NNW	75	35	55	61	-6	0.62	-0.24	1	8.80				
Winona 5E	76	33	53	58	-5	0.72	-0.03	3	9.64				
Extreme/Average	78	33	55	61	-6	0.96	0.13	1	8.73				
East-Central													
Aberdeen	76	38	55	60	-5	0.63	-0.21	2	8.83				
Columbus	76	35	56	62	-6	0.85	0.11	1	5.29				
Macon	77	37	58	61	-3	0.67	-0.05	1	7.20				
State University	77	37	57	61	-4	0.93	0.15	1	9.42				
Extreme/Average	77	35	57	61	-4	0.77	-0.02	1	7.69				
Southwest													
Brookhaven City				63		1.10	0.35	1	7.49				
Crystal SPRG Exp	77	36	56	64	-8	1.16	0.45	1	7.61				
Natchez	77	36	55	65	-10	1.35	0.42	2	6.40				
Oakley Exp Stn				62		1.90	1.07	1	8.07				
Port Gibson 1NE	76	36	55	61	-6	1.44	0.60	1	10.41				
Vicksburg	77	38	58			0.81	0.00	2	10.34				
Extreme/Average	77	36	56	63	-7	1.29	0.46	1	8.45				
South-Central													
Collins	77	36	58	63	-5	0.40	-0.40	1	3.00				
Columbia	81	39	60	64	-4	0.31	-0.47	1	6.88				
Monticello	80	37	58	62	-4	0.63	-0.17	2	6.68				
Raleigh 6N	79	33	54			0.61	0.00	1	6.58				
Tylertown 5ESE				65					5.78				
Extreme/Average	81	33	57	63	-6	0.49	-0.30	1	5.79				
Southeast													
Hattiesburg	80	37	58	64	-6	0.15	-0.66	1	4.33				
Laurel	79	37	58	62	-4	0.01	-0.70	1	2.66				
Newton Exp				61		0.50	-0.31	1	4.95				
Waynesboro 2W	79	36	59	62	-3	0.27	-0.38	1	3.11				
Extreme/Average	80	36	58	62	-4	0.23	-0.50	1	3.76				
Coastal													
Biloxi	79	44	63	67	-4	0.07	-0.60	2	3.86				
Wiggins	79	25	56	65	-9	0.00	-0.55	0	4.27				
Extreme/Average	79	25	60	66	-6	0.04	-0.61	1	4.07				
State	81	25	57	62	-5	0.85	0.07	1	7.33				

DFN = Departure from Normal.